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## PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2002, for three months so that the period for response is extended to June 6, 2003. Applicants submit herewith Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the extension fee for a large entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any deficiency in a required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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